GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PACKAGE FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the funds meant for the farmers under the special package for suicide prone areas in Vidarbha announced by the Prime Minister has been disbursed ;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the extent of funds that has since been utilized ;

(c) The manner in which the funds have been disbursed among farmers;

(d) Whether the Headquarters for farmers package is being shifted to Pune from Amravati city; and

(e) If so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to (c) : Details are annexed.

(d) : There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government .

(e) : Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

Details are as under:

Loan disbursement of Rs.1734 crore to 9.24 lakh farmers.

Outstanding interest of Rs.696 crore to 9.24 lakh farmers has been waived off.

A principal sum of Rs.1378 crore loan to 9.24 lakh overdue accounts has been rescheduled as on July 1st, 2006 with one year moratorium and three years instalments.

1.24 lakh quintal seed for Rabijwar, Wheat, Gram, Safflower and Maze has already been made available at distribution centres. 1.06 lakh quintal seed has already been distributed to 2.93 lakh farmers.

National Horticulture Mission has been extended to all the six suicide affected districts. A project for Rs.27 crore has been already sanctioned by Government of India for these districts. Rs.14.50 crore have been released as first instalment. An area of more than 5,400 ha. has already been brought under various horticultural crops during the current year.

For the spread of micro irrigation in the six affected districts, to bring an additional 16,000 ha. under drip and sprinkler, a project for Rs.15 crore was recently sanctioned by Government of India and nearly 2,000 ha. area has already been brought under micro irrigation.

To strengthen agricultural extension in the six districts, Agricultural Technology Management Agencies(ATMA) have been constituted in all these Districts. About Rs.4.50 crore have been sanctioned for implementing extension programmes for the current year.

To provide subsidiary income to the farmers, dairy and goat & sheep rearing activities have been taken up in all the six districts. More than 3000 farm families have already been assisted with one milch cattle each.

Ex-gratia assistance has been provided to 3667 farmers.